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MR. E. COATSWORTH.

THERE is no better known figure on the streets of Toronto than that of Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, City Commissioner. Mr. Coatsworth is seldom seen on foot, as he is expected to be ubiquitous to the last degree. He has duties to attend to here, there and everywhere, and his presence is imperative during a portion of each day, at the City Hall as well. Clad in a fur coat during severe weather, and driving an active little horse in an unpretentious buggy, the City Commissioner gets over a good deal of ground between sunrise and sunset. Mr. Coatsworth has led an active, healthy life, and although the flight of sixty years has silvered his locks and placed some wrinkles about his face, it is easy to see by his clear eye, ruddy complexion and well-knit powerful frame, that he is a man who has always taken care of himself, and is to-day in the possession of unimpaired powers.

Mr. Coatsworth was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 26th of July, 1825. His father, who was engaged in farming and mining, died in England, and in 1832 Mr. Coatsworth's mother brought her four children to Canada and settled in St. Catharines. Mrs. Coatsworth was accompanied by her father and several of her brothers and sisters, and the family party landed at Quebec, on the 8th of August, 1832, one of the cholera years. They came up from Quebec on an old Durham line open boat, drawn most of the time by cattle. At night they sheltered themselves in barns, but could scarcely obtain a crust of fresh bread during the whole journey, owing to the dread of cholera which prevailed all through the country. They had been six weeks at sea, and in Quebec the deadly Eastern plague was raging when they landed. Under such circumstances their first experiences of the new world were far from encouraging.

When about sixteen years of age, Mr. Coatsworth set himself, to learn the trade of a carpenter in St. Catharines and remained in that locality until he was about 20.

During that time he was engaged on the reconstruction of the locks, gates and bridges of the Erie canal. The cry of "Westward,

ho!" was then potent among the young men of the country, and Mr. Coatsworth resolved to start on a prospecting tour along the line of the Grand River. After visiting a number of small places he finally pulled up at the village of Jarvis, a little south of Hamilton. He stayed there a year and then went to Brantford, where he worked at the locks and bridges on the two mile canal which runs from Cayuga, across a bend of the Grand River. In Brantford Mr. Coatsworth met his future wife, a Peter-

18th of March, 1851, Mr. Coatsworth reached Toronto, having spent three days on the stage between Chatham and this city. He had been employed in the West by the late Mr. Garner Ellwood, of London, and that gentleman having contracted for the building of the Don bridge, on King street, Mr. Coatsworth was sent here to superintend the work. His next job was in the neighbourhood of Holland Landing and Bradford, on the new plank roads, which were laid down there in the fall of 1851,



EMERSON COATSWORTH

boro' lady, and they were united in marriage at the latter place. While in Brantford, Mr. Coatsworth helped to build the dam and bridge across the river on the main road, in addition to his work on the canal. He spent two years in Brantford, and then went to Chatham, where he acted as foreman on the construction of a bridge across the Thames, built in place of one which had been washed away five years previous. On the

stretching from the former place to Bond Head. Returning here the same year, Mr. Coatsworth commenced business for himself. In the spring of 1852 he took his first Corporation contract for laying the following streets with four-inch plank, 24 feet roadways:—Front street (then called Palace street), from the market to Trinity street; Wellington street from Church to Bay, and Church from Adelaide to Shuter,

That year he superintended as foreman, the erection of the white bridge across Dundas street, being the first bridge over the line of the Northern railway. During the following two years all the contracts for new sidewalks in the city and repairs to existing ones, were granted to Mr. Coatsworth, and David Wells. Mr. Daniel Devlin, who still lives in the west end, was his partner in the planking of the streets. Mr. Coatsworth also did a good deal of dock work for the northern railway, including their temporary warehouses here and the first wharf at Collingwood harbour. From that time until 1873, with the exception of the years 1860 and 1862, the subject of our sketch was engaged in building and general contracting in Toronto. In 1860 he went to the county of Grey with ex-mayor Manning, the latter having a contract for all roads and bridges throughout the county, and Mr. Coatsworth obtaining a sub-contract from him for the bridges, of which he constructed seventy-three. In 1862 he was engaged in conjunction with Mr. John Worthington in reconstructing the bridges on the Northern Railway.

On the 4th of March 1873, Mr. Coatsworth took office as City Commissioner, which at that time was thought to be an unmanageable position. The duties of the Commissioner covered a wide ground, including the control of the sanitary and fire departments; erection of buildings; line fences; care of streets, including cleaning and watering, and the weight and sale of bread. In 1881 Mr. Coatsworth's position was changed to that of Commissioner of Works and Health which added immensely to his labours, giving him besides his former duties, the care of the parks and Island, and the repairing of all municipal public buildings. He was associated in this capacity with the Board of Works, the city Engineer being the Executive officer.

In July, 1883, while Mr. Coatsworth and the late City Engineer Brough were engaged in the most extensive and important amount of work ever performed in the city, an untoward and apparently trivial accident terminated the life of the latter.

One day during the month men

tioned the Commissioner and the Engineer were upset out of the former's buggy, about half-way between West Market and Church Sts. Mr. Coatsworth escaped unhurt, but his less fortunate companion sustained a fracture of the head of the thigh bone close to the hip socket. The bone refused to unite owing to the peculiar situation of the injury, and fatal consequences ensued. Between the deceased Engineer and Mr. Coatsworth a strong friendship had long existed, and the latter mourned sincerely for one for whom he entertained an affectionate regard, and whose career he looked upon as full of promise.

For six months after Mr. Brough's death Mr. Coatsworth filled the position of acting engineer with so much satisfaction to the Board of Works and the Council that they voted him the sum of \$500 in recognition of his services. In the spring of '84 Mr. Chambers was given the charge of the city parks, owing to the necessity of relieving the Commissioner from some of his work, which now extended over twelve wards. A year afterwards Mr. Coatsworth resumed his former position of City Commissioner, and gave up his connection with the Board of Works department, as it was found that the duties of the former post required his undivided attention.

We have confined ourselves so far to a recital of Mr. Coatsworth's professional record, but he has filled important positions other than that of City Commissioner. In 1862 he sat in the City Council as alderman for St. David's ward, and for sixteen years represented the same ward at the Public School Board. In 1873 he was elected chairman, and at the close of his term of office retired.

The year '78, it will be remembered, gave birth to the Pacific Scandal, which was the means of overthrowing the government of Sir John Macdonald. When the general election took place it was noised abroad that the *Globe*, then a power in the land under the manipulation of George Brown, had "sold" East Toronto constituency to John O'Donohoe. In fact, the Grit leader had determined on a "big push," and calculated that in this constituency the Conservatives would be afraid to face the music. Then it was that the friends of Emerson Coatsworth, who knew well the sterling integrity of the blunt, straight-forward north-countryman, gathered around him and asked him to champion the waning cause. Had it not been for the tactics of the Grit organ Mr. Coatsworth would have declined, and as it was he hesitated considerably. But finally, with the exclamation, "The

Globe shan't sell East Toronto," he yielded, and announced himself in the field.

The three divisions of Toronto went Reform and John O'Donohoe defeated Mr. Coatsworth by a majority of 150. Under the circumstances the Conservative candidate made a marvellous run. With the tide of public opinion overwhelmingly against the government, the result showed in this case what high personal character can achieve under the most adverse circumstances.

Since its organization in 1856 Mr. Coatsworth has been a staunch adherent of the Berkeley street Methodist church, and has acted as one of its trustees. He had the contract for the erection of the original church edifice in the above year.

Mr. Coatsworth has a family of four sons and two daughters. His eldest son is in Omaha, Nebraska, and one of the others is practising law in this city. Both his daughters are married, as also his two elder sons.

It is scarcely necessary to remark what an onerous position the City Commissioner holds. It is one which requires judgment, long experience and unremitting attention. Many of his duties are of a thankless nature and sometimes he is blamed for the negligence of others. Personally Mr. Coatsworth is of a kindly benevolent disposition and times without number have the poor and the friendless blessed the warm heart of one who always feels a sympathy with distress.

There is something especially attractive about the educated and refined Creole maiden of Manitoba, which strikes the average Canadian. Perhaps it is their candor. A few evenings ago we had the pleasure of spending a few hours in a cozy retreat some distance north of Winnipeg, upon the Red River. A young lady with black flashing eyes and foreign complexion, entertained us in a charmingly happy and home like style.

The young lady said "I often go out alone."

We gallantly hoped that she would do so no more, and said "Some one might carry you off Miss Blank." "No danger whatever," she replied. "They would not carry me any farther than the nearest electric light."—*Winnipeg Spectator*.

From a table in the *Publishers' Circular*, of December 31, it appears that 4,307 new books and 1,333 new editions of old books were published in England last year. Of new books juvenile works and tales head the list with 671; books of theology, sermons and Biblical literature come next, with 636; then educational, classical, and philological works, with 333.

Personal and Society.

Correspondence for this column invited. Address all letters to office of this paper, Toronto. Name and address should be sent, but these of course will not be published.

Prince Bismarck is the first Protestant that has ever received the decoration of the Order of Christ.

W. Bosden, the happiest boy in the world, will be happy to see his friends at the Iolanthe on Wednesday.

Very Rev. Jas. Hughes, V. G., of Hartford, Conn., is now on a visit to Mr. Patrick Hughes, of this city.

Mr. Mark H. Irish and family returned to the city on Wednesday. Mr. Irish is much improved in health.

Major Smith, of the 47th Battalion, has accepted the command of the 14th Battalion, resigned by Colonel Kerr.

Charlie Spencer is investing heavily in real estate lately. Who is going to be the lucky girl, Charlie?

Shake, Duncan; we knew you would get there. Parkdale voters know who to put at the head of the poll.

The Philharmonic Society has definitely placed the date of its performance of "The Rose of Sharon" for February 16th.

D. A. Jones, of Beeton, has formed a company to carry on the business of beekeeping and dealing in apiary supplies.

Not only is the Princess Louise not coming to Canada next summer, but it is said she never expects to cross the ocean again.

W. D. Matthews on Wednesday got his assessment for the Yonge-street sewer in North Toronto reduced from \$245 to \$75.

Now is the favourable opportunity for the fair sex, as Pat Cassidy is looking out for a partner to be true to the "last."

We are informed that Fred Culbert is tired of single life. Although he does not intend to go to Africa, he says he will capture a Zulu or die.

Prof. Tippett, of the Rossin House, and Miss J. E. M. Wrett will give an exhibition at the Iolanthe Club on Wednesday in the Dude Polka.

W. C. Van Horne, general manager, Thos. Tait, secretary, and Geo. Old, general traffic manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, are at the Rossin House.

The first annual meeting of the newly organized Ontario Artillery Association was held in Toronto on Thursday, when officers were elected for the ensuing year.

At the meeting of the Music Committee of the Festival Association, Handel's "Israel in Egypt" and Gounod's "Mors et Vita," were selected as the oratorios to be performed.

Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., whose factory near the Don was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, have started rebuilding. They expect to occupy the new premises within a month.

Pioneer Branch Liberal Temperance Union opened their new club room, Queen street west, last week. Dr. McMahon, the president, delivered the opening address.

Mrs. Bancroft, wife of the historian, is preparing a volume of her reminiscences. As she was a belle at Washington sixty years ago, we may expect an uncommonly interesting book.

Chairman Roden of the Public School Board denies that he is a candidate for that office this year. He says he is going to support Mr. George McMurrich for the position for 1886.

The genial Tom Senior, better known as "big Tom," has been promoted to the foremanship of the *Mail* job department. Tom is a good fellow, indeed, and we heartily congratulate him.

The dramatic club in connection with the I. C. B. U. have in preparation and will shortly produce the drama of "Robert Emmet," with Mr. T. Cooney, the rising young dramatist, in the leading role.

Sir Charles Tupper has scored another victory in London. He has secured the abrogation of an Imperial order that Canadian cattle shall be slaughtered on their arrival if the ship carrying them touches an American port.

Mr. C. W. Dunning having left the establishment of Messrs. R. Walker & Sons to accept another position, his fellow-employees met at his house in Brockton on Wednesday and presented him with a handsome diamond ring and an illuminated address.

Moses Oates during the recent cold spell, when almost everybody was muffled to the throat, was seen going down Queen street with his over and under coats flying wide open and carrying a bundle of books in his unglowed hands. See what it is to be a weather prophet.

We have heard that Fred Ward is in great voice again. The way in which he rendered "The Spanish Cavalier" recently was a genuine treat. The combined efforts of a trombone, tenor horn and cornet could make no progress against the volume of sound he emitted.

An amusing sight was witnessed in an east end amusement hall on Monday evening last. It being very cold, Mr. J. K. Moore, the violinist, who was one of the musicians, was playing the violin with his fur cap

over his ears, coat collar turned up, and a pair of very heavy mitts covering his hands.

There are some pretty good fellows employed in the City Hall and some who are mere barnacles. Civility does no one any harm, and if H. Walter, of Commissioner Coatsworth's office does not take a tumble to himself he may find that W. H. Howland's broom will relegate him, with other rubbish, to where he properly belongs.

Messrs. Morgan, Corcoran, Murphy and Robinson have joined the famed Jag Association. They all met for practice at the Princess rink last week, with the exception of Corcoran, who was suffering from a severe cold, caused by the shaving off of his moustache, which hirsute appendage, by the way, had been the admiration of his lady friends.

Superintendent Hamilton has received a communication from Frank Smith & Co., stating that during the severe weather the water pipes in their warehouse cannot be kept from freezing, and they consequently request leave to allow the taps to run, the Superintendent to fix the cost of this privilege. Mr. Hamilton is pondering on this novel proposition, and is lost in admiration of the candour displayed.

Col. C. S. Gzowski, chairman of the Canadian Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, accompanied by Mr. E. Irving, was at Niagara Falls last Tuesday. After examining all available papers in reference to the lands to be taken for the Park, they adjourned till February 3rd, when it is expected everything will be in readiness to go on in detail with the arbitration. As far as an opinion can be formed now, by the 1st of April next the free park question will be definitely settled.

An exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable party was held on Wednesday last at the family residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murchison, Bathurst street, when a pleasant time was spent by a numerous circle of friends. It was in all respects up to the standard of excellence which characterizes all entertainments got up by the Murchison family. Miss Luthill shone as the belle, and was the admired of all the sterner sex from her grace and vivacity.

The Winnipeg *Free Press* says General Middleton is a dude, and that should there ever be trouble in the West "a man who knows something about such warfare" and not Sir Frederick should be selected to head the troops. Brigadier Burden, of Rat Portage celebrity, probably should receive the appointment. Is it not significant that while the Reform papers are loud in their praises of Riel they should have not a kind word for any man who fought on the loyal side?—*Mail*.

A group of three friends of St. Stephen's Ward, including among

them a distinguished west end real estate agent and a leading member in the painting fraternity, recently came to an agreement that the first one of them who sought the bonds of Hymen would be the recipient of the best plug hat that could be bought in the city. The real estate man, from recent indications, seems to be the one who is going to take the hat. Good luck to you, Tom, and take our best wishes with it.

On Monday last Lady Macdonald in a special car passed through to Canmore. With her were Judge Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, both at one time among the most prominent figures in Ottawa drawing-rooms. Mrs. Brooks was indeed a social queen. The party was joined here by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dewdney. Lady Macdonald has always had a great desire to see the Rockies and she will now see them in winter glory. She is a woman of boundless energy, a sense of duty which never flags, writes and talks well, and is indeed in every way eminently fitted for the high position she adorns.—*Regina Leader*.

OVER THE POND.

A society has been formed in Paris to poison unmuzzled dogs.

Paul Baudry, the French painter, had a stroke of paralysis, and is dying.

King Milan has granted an amnesty to all political prisoners concerned in the rising of 1883.

Louis Kossuth is in failing health. He has arrived at Sorrento, where he will pass the winter.

Mr. Stanley is to proceed to Congo to direct preliminary arrangements for the building of railways.

Sir Herbert E. Maxwell intends introducing a bill in the Imperial Parliament providing for the flogging of dynamitards.

Farmers in Wales are demanding a permanent reduction of 25 per cent. in their rents, fixity of tenure and compensation for making improvements on their holding.

A cyclone, lasting twenty minutes, passed over the middle counties of England, on Wednesday, doing a great deal of damage to property. Two persons were killed.

The five New York favorites at the present time are Miss Annie Robe, Miss Geraldine Ulmar, Miss Marie Burroughs, Miss Edith Kingdom, and Miss Stella Boniface.

President Grevy has signed a decree granting amnesty to all persons convicted of political offences since 1870, and reducing the sentences of many offenders against the common law.

"J. S. Winter," the author of "Bootle's Baby," "Houp-la," etc., now turns out to be a woman, Cer-

tainly the sex of the author could not be suspected from any of her books.

Prince Edward, of Saxe Weimar, Commander of the Forces, and Judges Chatterton and Ball, have been sworn in as Lords Justices to govern Ireland during the absence of the Lord-Lieutenant.

Mr. James Anthony Froude will soon publish his new book "Oceana." It contains the record of his recent journey around the world, and many interesting historical studies of the British colonies which he visited.

Mr. Randolph Cadecott, the English illustrator, has lately been in America. He has filled his note book with sketches of American life and scenery, which will find their way into the London *Graphic*, and later into a book.

The Queen has commanded the production of Gounod's oratorio "Mors et Vita" at the Royal Albert hall. Her Majesty will come from Windsor to attend the performance. This will be the Queen's first appearance in public for many years.

The Queen has given Musurus Pasha the privilege of "the entree" for the remainder of his life, and his name is to be placed on the Palace invitation list for the State balls and concerts. Musurus intends to pass a good deal of his future time in England.

A new paper has appeared in London, the *Imperial Federation*. It is the official journal of the Imperial Federation League, and its prospectus says: "The subject will be treated of from time to time by eminent authorities in Great Britain and the colonies. The journal, in addition to its signed articles, will contain regular abstracts of public opinion in regard to the federation of the Empire, and will record the progress of the league from month to month."

Mr. Gladstone has declared that exports are the test of a nation's prosperity. A correspondent of the London *Times* points out that Great Britain's exports were at least £10,000,000 less last year than in 1875. Those of Germany have increased during the same period by nearly £40,000,000; those of Italy by about £7,000,000, and those of the United States more largely still. In manufactured articles alone the exports of the latter have risen from \$65,000,000 in 1875 to \$111,000,000 last year.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Sibyl Sanderson to Sir Arthur Sullivan, according to the *Ingleside*, San Francisco, is being discussed with considerable interest. The match would not be an undesirable one. Sir Arthur is a composer of distinction, honorable character and honorable antecedents. California girls have a knack of marrying well, and certainly, if the news is true, it should be a

matter for congratulation. Miss Sanderson did not meet Sir Arthur Sullivan in San Francisco. They were thrown together on the steamer going over to England. On shipboard there seemed to be no doubt in the minds of the passengers.

Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P. for Northampton, took the oath, kissing the Bible in prescribed form. Mr. Speaker Peel said he had no option in the matter, as he was unable to take cognizance of what was done in a previous Parliament. He said he could not prevent Mr. Bradlaugh taking the oath, but in doing so he must take the legal risks if any were involved. The Government leaders have decided to take no official notice of Mr. Bradlaugh's act. The letter of protest written by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to Speaker Peel, was meant to be placed on record, and not for immediate effect. There are more pressing matters to be attended to between now and the 21st inst., and the Tory leaders are anxious to let the Bradlaugh incident drop. They will be wise, we think, if they let Mr. Bradlaugh drop altogether.

ACROSS THE LINE.

Lawrence Barret the actor has become a vegetarian, and expresses the belief that the change of diet has improved his voice.

The Senate Committee on Patents has fixed Thursday, January 28th, for the hearing of gentlemen interested in the passage of the bill for international copyright.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary last week. He is in excellent health, and attends to business regularly.

A commission of two gentlemen appointed by the American Fishery Union of New England to make a tour of enquiry and engineer and agitation the renewal of a reciprocity treaty with Canada have arrived in Buffalo.

Grand Trunk railway passenger officials in Toronto have been notified that the quarantine restrictions at Port Huron and Detroit against passengers and baggage from Montreal have been entirely removed.

It is stated that the losses of cattlemen through the cold snap in Texas will mount up into the millions. The water pools on the ranges are frozen solid and the grass is buried in snow, and the cattle are perishing by hundreds from cold and famine.

Mary Anderson's engagement at the Globe theatre, Boston, is claimed to be the greatest financial success ever known to the theatrical world for any three consecutive weeks. The money taken during the three weeks amounts to \$1,200 more than that taken by Henry Irving during his engagement, and more money was taken in Boston in three weeks than in New York in six,

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Editorial Notes.

The plans and specifications for the deepening of the Welland canal have been prepared and are on exhibition at the office of the Chief Engineer of the department in Ottawa.

Mr. Howland has commenced his campaign in favour of morality. As Ald. Frankland, however, pointed out, the legislation he asks for exists to some extent, and only wants enforcing—the strings want tightening up a little.

The survey of the Canadian Pacific air line from Smith's Falls to Montreal, which is expected to shorten the distance between the latter city and Toronto by at least fifty miles, was commenced on Monday, and construction will be begun early in the spring.

One of the many excellent resolutions passed by the North-West Council was one urging the speedy settlement of settlers' losses. Our advices just from Ottawa are to the effect that an order in Council has been passed laying by a large sum for this purpose.—*Regina Leader.*

A firm in Paisley, Scotland, are making overtures to the city of Kingston with a view to starting a thread and spool factory there. They have been promised a free site and a bonus of \$10,000 by Ottawa, but prefer Kingston if sufficient inducements are offered.

Ald. Hastings will do the city good service if he can secure legislation to make a just settlement of the snow business with the Street Railway Company, but his proposal to sell the city property, which is pledged for the redemption of the debt, is not likely to be again heard of, we should think.

Senior Castelar says he is in no hurry to agitate for a republic, as he does not think the people want a republican form of Government. Everybody outside Spain can see pretty clearly that the Spaniards will be satisfied with only that government which is supported by the priests, and that is not likely to be republican for some time to come.

Mr. Bradlaugh has at length succeeded in taking the legal oath, though no doubt he has taken a good many illegal ones during the preliminary squabbles. His followers naturally will expect some tremendous results from his appearance in the House of Commons, and it is said that he will soon bring some grand schemes of reform before Parliament. We are afraid, however, they will cost him many new oaths before they are carried.

Inspector Archibald says that all the efforts of Mayor Howland, of the temperance men in the Council of the Police Commissioners and the License Commissioners would be unavailing to stop the unlicensed sale of liquor until the law was changed. As inspector he might make a descent on an unlicensed groggery, and seize the liquor, and he might see fifty men drinking in the place, yet if the defendant went into the box and swore that the liquor was not there for sale, the case must be dismissed. Certainly

if this is the state of the law, the sooner it is improved the better.

The bread by-law is one which should be repealed, we think, unless a law should be passed to control other trades in a similar way. The people who buy bread can surely look after themselves as well as those who buy boots and shoes and sausages. This is not the age in which to interfere with retail trades in this pettifoggery way. A number of bakers were fined \$5 and costs or 30 days' imprisonment on Wednesday last, and it is expected Mr. Nasmith, one of those fined, will apply to have the by-law quashed.

Mr. Howland wants eating houses to be licensed and also cigar stores. Where shall we fix the line in the case of eating houses? Beginning at Shaftesbury Hall, we may go to the ordinary coffee houses and boarding houses, then to the private boarding houses, and these will be indistinguishable from the private houses. Why should cigar stores be licensed or supervised more than an ordinary stationer's store or a grocer's store. The licensing and regulating business is one that can easily be carried too far, and can do little good.

The sixth Monday popular concert at the Pavilion was a pronounced success. The performance throughout was excellent, but our space will not permit of an extended notice. The directors are doing a good work in introducing such high-class works, and no lover of real music should fail to extend to them a hearty support. If any variation might be made in the arrangements, we would suggest that perhaps a little extension of the vocal portion of the programme would be welcomed by many of the audience and would make the concerts even more popular.

There are several rumors—one that Mr. Royal, M.P., is to succeed Mr. Dewdney; one that his successor will be Judge Brooks; one that Mr. Dewdney will have another term. Every year has made Mr. Dewdney improve as Governor. Since the rumour got abroad that Mr. Royal was to be Governor we have been besieged with questions. Personally Mr. Royal would be acceptable to everyone, but in justice to Mr. Royal surely it ought to be ascertained how the people of an English-speaking country will receive a French Canadian ruler. We say this because we learn that the mayor has been asked to call a meeting on the subject. Mr. Royal is entitled to a high position and it may be even a higher position will be placed at his disposal.—*Regina Leader.*

The Anti-Mormon bill has passed the United States Senate. Its main object is the suppression of plural marriages. Last year the Edmunds law was vigorously enforced against those guilty of polygamy in Utah. About sixty prominent Mormons were tried, convicted and punished, and about twenty more are awaiting trial. For nearly a year the president of the Church and several of its high officials have been in hiding, and one of the so-called "Apostles" was sent to the penitentiary last week. Throughout the territory practical polygamists have been disfranchised. The new bill contains provisions as to the celebration and registration of marriages, so that no polygamous marriage can take place hereafter without becoming a matter of official and open record. It is to be hoped the Government will stamp out the abomination vigorously.

The following letter from Prof. Goldwin Smith appeared in the *London Times* of Jan. 2:

"To the Editor of the Times.
SIR,—It would surely be unreasonable that doom, irrevocable doom, should be pronounced on the Union, and on all that depends upon it, in deference to the verdict of a single Irish election, carried, as that election has been, not by a free suffrage, but under the pressure of a terrorist organization wielded by a dictator and aided by foreign money.

"The Irish, most of them at least, were not even voting on the political question. They were voting simply for freedom from Imperial restraint in completing the spoliation of the landlords.
"Surely the nation in a matter affecting its very life can afford to give itself time for deliberation and for a fairer trial of Irish opinion, if individual statesmen cannot.

"Yours faithfully,
GOLDWIN SMITH.
"Toronto, Dec. 19."
CLIMAXES.

The climax of faith: To sit by a stove where there is no fire and complain of the excessive heat.

The climax of impudence: To shoot a neighbour's dog and send him a bill for ammunition.

The climax of absurdity: To send for a doctor when you wish to recover.

The climax of gall: To ask a bartender for a glass of ice water and inquire why there are no spring chickens in the free lunch.

The climax of ingenuity: To crawl under the sidewalk upon the approach of a creditor, if there is no alley handy.

The climax of wisdom: To carry disinfectants where 'fresh butter' is given.

The climax of avarice: To charge a man for disturbing the shingles when he falls off your house and breaks his back.

The climax of superstition: To crawl under the circus fence instead of going in by the gate.

The climax of sense: To advertise in and subscribe for TOWN TOWN.

PROHIBITION.

HOW IT WORKS IN THE STATES.

SOME EXPERIENCES OF A CASUAL OBSERVER.

No. 9.

New Hampshire is also a temperance state in the sense that it has declared for local option and professes to combat the demon Rum.

Portsmouth is honey combed with liquor dives and there is a good deal of immorality there besides. It is a seaport, and the sailor element may have something to do with this; but the principle of laying upon Jack's broad shoulders the responsibility for rowdiness in all towns which he frequents is not at all just. In seaports the sailors are only found at certain times and they are always away a great deal. I saw a great deal of whiskey sold in Portsmouth besides beer and lighter drinks. All the hotels deal in intoxicants and some of the boarding houses besides.

Dover, N. H., is inland and is not nearly as large a place as Portsmouth, but it is a great place for drink. Men and women both indulge, and midnight orgies of a very objectionable character are not uncommon. There is a small hotel near the railway station which is a head centre for tough characters of both sexes.

Nashua, N. H., is a thriving town with several fine hotels. The Tremont house has a bar which does a rushing trade and saloons through the place are quite numerous. There is no pretence at enforcing the temperance law in Nashua.

What I have said of Nashua may be repeated as regards Keene. Plenty of drink, plenty of drinkers, and plenty of publicity in the consumption of liquid refreshment.

Great Falls, N. H., has two pretty good hotels of which the Great Falls house is the best. Drinking is indulged in to an excessive degree in this locality, and particularly on Sunday there is much intoxication. Liquor is sold in many places including of course the hotels.

Manchester, N. H., is a manufacturing place and no attempt is made to carry out the prohibitory law. Of course wherever considerable money is paid out in wages, everybody has more spending money and bar-rooms are well patronized.

I might cite a great many more instances of what a failure local option has invariably proved throughout the New England states. But enough has been stated to show the drift of affairs in that section and I do not know that it is necessary to enlarge upon the facts mentioned.

Next week I shall recount experiences in the far west and will recall incidents in Iowa, Kansas and Colorado.

HARD PAN.

(To be continued.)

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There is a movement on foot in New York for the purchase of 100,000 acres north of Harlem to be laid out in lots for workmen's houses,

Local Items.

The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending January 2nd, were \$314,942, an increase of \$22,021 compared with the corresponding week of 1885.

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Mr. John McCarthy, Toronto, writes: "I can unhesitatingly say that Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable discovery is the best medicine in the world. It cured me of Heartburn that troubled me for over thirty years. During that time I tried a great many different medicines, but this wonderful medicine was the only one that took hold and rooted out the disease."

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Mrs. W. J. Lang, Bethany, Ont., writes: I was one of the greatest sufferers for about fifteen months with a disease of my ear similar to ulcers, causing entire deafness. I tried everything that could be done through medical skill, but without relief. As a last resort, I tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and in ten minutes found relief. I continued using it, and in a short time my ear was cured and hearing completely restored. I have used this wonderful healer successfully in cases of inflammation of the lungs, sore throat, coughs and colds, cuts and bruises, &c., in fact it is our family medicine.

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The numerous friends of Dr. J. H. McCollum will be pleased to learn that he is gradually recovering from his late severe illness, and has been able to leave the house within the last few days.

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Ald. Steiner has presented Mayor Manning with a gold-headed ebony walking-stick. The head is engraved, "Ald. Steiner to Mayor Manning."

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THE MATERNAL INSTINCT.

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Whackem, as they were discussing the funeral over the front gate, "he'll marry agin inside of six months; I know these widowers, my second husband was a widower, and them, them poor—Billee, you little wretch, if you try to ride that pig again I'll tear you limb from limb!—children of Martha's'll have to suffer. Don't care what you say, Mrs. Easy, and I don't care—Charley come here this minute! I see you fire that rock at old

Uncle Stowe; take that! and that! and that! Now hush you crying this minute or to bed you go right straight without any supper—I don't care how good hearted and well meanin' a woman may be, other women's children ain't what her own are to her, and she can't treat 'em as kindly. Martha's children'll miss their mother, and—Anna Louise, you nasty little brat! do you want me to come in there and kill you?—if I hadn't so many of my own, I'd take some of 'em myself and give 'em a mother's love and care just the same as my own get. Jim! You, Jim! If that boy hasn't kindled a fire on the entry floor; I'll just run in and break every bone in your carcass; don't go 'way, Mrs. Easy. I'll be right back. La me, that boy'll kill me yet; I beat him till my arm aches and I'll bet he's in some new mischief already. No, as I was saying, a stepmother doesn't have and she can't have a mother's feelings toward our own children.—*Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle.*

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CHILDREN OF NATURE:

A STORY OF MODERN LONDON.

CHAPTER XI.

"Oh, you needn't be afraid of getting any of them. A young politician must begin with some folly, and, as Horace Walpole said, 'one nonsense is as good as another.' I shouldn't be surprised if there is a vacancy at Shodborough before long; and it would be amusing to throw the Government over and bring in a red-hot Radical. Think over what I have said, my dear boy. I fancy I can answer for your getting into Parliament somehow. Of course I'll pay all expenses; and when there you'll have to shift for yourself. If you play your cards well, and turn round to the winning side at the right moment, you ought to get something before long. My secretary shall let you know directly old Tollebens has determined to retire from Shodborough. The Government are thinking of giving him a baronetcy to go, as he doesn't always vote straight, and believe I shall bring in one of their nominees." And the Duke, after shaking hands with Jack with a gaiety produced by the thought of his projected trick on the Government, turned impetuously to his novel, and was soon revelling in its suggestive indecencies. Jack did not quite see how a seat in the House, plus any amount of Radicalism, could add much butter to his bread; but the Duke's wine was so good, and his manner so genial, that his political immorality escaped any severe comment from the young man.

When he reached Eaton Square he was astonished to hear high words in the drawing-room, and on entering, to find Alice, with her eyes flaming, standing in the middle of the room, angrily addressing his brother Spencer, whose eyeglass was less confident than usual, while Jane shivered in a corner, and Lady

Brocklesby, with a smile, went on with her eternal letter-writing.

"You shall not say such dreadful things to me!" cried Alice, with a stamp of her foot.

"My dear Alice," replied Spencer, fixing his glass more firmly, and shifting nervously from one little leg to the other, "I was only telling you the very elementary truths which it is right all should know. There is but one object in marriage—look in your Prayer Book and see—and if that object is deleterious, as it is in many cases, then there should be no marriage. I really cannot understand how a sort of false shyness should be allowed to blind people any longer to the practical view of the contract two people make to live together for the sole—"

"Oh, he's been too dreadful," said Alice, casting a furious look at the eyeglass.

"My dear Jack," put in Spencer, "I was only telling your wife what Malthus, and Bradlaugh, and all writers of any—"

"Confound Malthus and all your infernal nonsense!" cried Jack, angrily, putting his arm round Alice's waist. "What can be the good of your talking to her in this way? and with your sister in the room, too!"

"Oh, I stopped my ears!" cried Jane, from the corner; "I always do when Spencer begins his horrid speeches!"

"But do you really believe—" began Spencer.

"I only believe," answered Jack, "that if you ever dare to talk any of your nasty philosophy before my wife again, she shall not come to this house. I wonder you can allow it, mother."

"My dear," said Lady Brocklesby, from the writing-table, "I have no authority here. I don't see how you can expect me to lay myself open to—"

At this moment Lord Brocklesby entered, beaming with pleasure.

"I've got it, Jack—I've got it!" he cried, waving a letter in his hand.

"Got what?" said her ladyship, crossly.

"Why, Jack's future is safe! He's appointed, at my earnest request—by Jove, Jack, it is a chance—Secretary to the Association for the Regeneration of Society!"

"What Association?" cried Spencer, starting up.

"It's all arranged," continued his lordship, in intense excitement; you'll have—oh, I forget what the salary is at first—nothing much, but to increase—to increase as the Association succeeds; and I think I may say"—and he went so far as to look at his wife for applause—"that I have managed the thing pretty well."

"Just ring the bell, please," said Lady Brocklesby, in an indifferent tone. "The noise you all make gives me the headache. Tell them to post these letters when they come. Remember, Jane, the carriage will be round at five. Good-bye, Alice dear; we expect you to lunch tomorrow," and her ladyship sailed out.

LOCALS.

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Strawberry plants were in bloom on the 20th December, at Burlington, Ont.

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Public speakers and singers are often distressed with hoarseness, and much danger is lurking in the bronchial pipes. Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam is a prompt remedy for the irritation, and cures all throat and lung difficulties.

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O. E. Comstock, Caledonia, Minn. writes:—I was suffering the most excruciating pains from inflammatory rheumatism. One application of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil afforded almost instant relief, and two bottles effected a permanent cure.

A commercial treaty has been arranged between the German and Turkish Governments.

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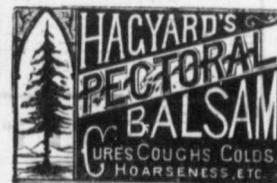
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ress him While we breathe our evening prayer. When a year a-go we gathered, Joy was
 sto-ry How our Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now. ble Wil-lie fell; How he strove to bear our banner, Thro' the
 on-ly on-ly Oh, ear-ly fal-len, In thy

in thick his mild blue eye, But a gold-en cord is sev-ered And our hopes in ru-in lie.
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chair; We shall lin-ger to ca-ress him, When we breathe our eve-ning prayer.